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AT-RISK TEENS BUILD SELF-ESTEEM AT SEA

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Carson Station is proud to announce the successful completion of the maiden voyage of its Sail 4 Success Program. On January 6, 2011, thirteen at-risk teens; 6 girls and 7 boys, set sail from the Port of Los Angeles, Berth 84 on the Irving Johnson vessel.

The Sail 4 Success Program is an extension of Captain Bernice Abram's Carson Sheriff's Gang Diversion Team Program. This program teaches young people how to sail. In the process, the program helps teens face their fears, deal with changes, develop team building skills, assume leadership roles, and have a positive interaction with experienced mariner crews and mentors.

Captain Abram said, "The idea of this program is to capture the interest of at-risk teens and empower them through the exciting, but often complicated process of learning to sail. They will have accomplished something they can be proud of and learn the life skills and knowledge to translate to the real world."

Financial support for this project came from local businesses and community members, including the Los Angeles Maritime Institute, TopSail Youth Program, and Shell Pipeline Company, LP.

The Carson Sheriff's Gang Diversion Team (GDT) is a collaboration of law enforcement and individual community-based organizations. The GDT develops intervention plans to assist gang members and their families in the greater Carson area who are serious about breaking the destructive cycle of the gang life style. The goal is to target individuals whose behavior may or have lead to crimes that negatively impact the community.

The Mission of the Carson Sheriff's Gang Diversion Team's Sail-4-Success program is to create a mutual community trust between the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and



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the youth they serve and to assist at-risk youth the opportunities to succeed while learning new skills, building self-confidence, and learning new civic responsibility.

For additional information regarding the Carson Sheriff's Gang Diversion Team, Sail 4 Success, contact Deputy Fred Noya, at (310) 847-4018.

The Los Angeles Maritime Institute, TopSail Youth Program was founded in 1992. The program provides sail training to youth with real-life challenges that develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to live healthy productive lives. For additional information, contact Administrative Director Stephanie Chambers, at (310) 833-6055.

****Media Interviews available upon request****

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